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State Health Commissioner

DATE: September 10, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Kilwin's Quality Confections Inc Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Chocolate-Covered Peanuts because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*; In case of consumer inquiries.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the neighboring State of Illinois and Michigan. The recalled chocolate-covered peanuts were sold in Kilwin's retail stores. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

**Kilwin's Quality Confections, Inc. Conducted Nationwide Recall of
Chocolate-Covered Peanuts
Because of Possible Health Risk**

Contact Person:

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355 North Division Road
Petoskey, MI 49770

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - September 10, 2009 - Kilwin's Quality Confections, Inc. of Petoskey, MI, is recalling all of our 7 ounce packages of chocolate-covered peanuts, and bulk chocolate-covered peanuts, sold in our retail stores, which were sold prior to April 1, 2009, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The recalled chocolate-covered peanuts were sold in Kilwin's retail stores located in the following states: Michigan, Florida, Illinois, Wisconsin, Colorado, Rhode Island, Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

The product comes in a 7 ounce, gold foiled plastic package with a clear center section, and is labeled "Milk Chocolate Peanuts" and "Fresh dry roasted peanuts covered in creamy milk chocolate", Kilwin's Quality Confections, Petoskey, MI 49770. The barcode on the package is 001615. Additionally, the product was sold in bulk bins, by weight, at Kilwin's retail stores.

No illnesses have been reported to us in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after our peanuts supplier voluntarily recalled their product because these peanuts were subject to the PCA Texas facility recall.

Any of these products purchased at our stores on or after April 1, 2009 are not subject to this recall.

Consumers who have purchased these products from a Kilwin's retail store prior to April 1, 2009 are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Kilwin's at 1-231-347-3800, Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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Photo: Product Labels